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For: Artificial Eye Distinguishing Method And
Device, Artificial Eye Distinguishing
Program, Iris Recognition Method, False
Printed Matter Distinguishing Method, And
Image Distinguishing Method

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